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March 29, 2011

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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Gail Farber *Gail Farber*  
Director of Public Works

### **BOARD MOTION OF FEBRUARY 15, 2011, AGENDA ITEM NO. 58-A CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS OF THE EXPANSION OF THE INJECTION CAPACITY OF THE ALISO CANYON NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY**

On February 15, 2011, your Board approved a motion by Mayor Michael D. Antonovich (copy attached) directing the Director of Public Works and the Fire Chief to request that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) ensure that they proactively reach out to all stakeholders regarding the expansion of the injection capacity of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility and develop long-term plans for maintenance and an emergency response plan in case of emergency.

Public Works has investigated your Board's request and found that the project's environmental document has not been prepared or made available for public comment. However, on September 30, 2009, the Southern California Gas Company filed an application (A.09-09-020) with the CPUC for the expansion of the injection capacity of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility located at 12801 Tampa Avenue in Northridge. The CPUC held public scoping meetings on November 4 and 5, 2010. The Gas Company is currently compiling information and studies to be submitted with the environmental assessment, which is part of the project application. The Gas Company expects the CPUC to issue a draft environmental document for public review by mid-April 2011.

Public Works has contacted the CPUC and the Gas Company and requested that the issues raised by your Board be addressed in the environmental assessment phase of the project (see attached letter). Public Works also contacted the Fire Department as directed by Mayor Antonovich. The Fire Department will provide a response to your Board under separate cover.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Dennis Hunter at (626) 458-4006 or [dhunter@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:dhunter@dpw.lacounty.gov).

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Attach.

cc: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)  
Executive Office  
Fire Department (Daryl L. Osby)



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March 23, 2011

IN REPLY PLEASE  
REFER TO FILE: **LD-6**

Mr. Andrew Barnsdale  
State of California  
Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102-3298

Dear Mr. Barnsdale:

### **ALISO CANYON NATURAL GAS STORAGE FACILITY**

On October 12, 2008, the County of Los Angeles responded to the Sesnon Fire that affected the unincorporated communities of Browns Canyon, Twin Lakes, and Indian Falls. The Sesnon Fire erupted from apparent downed transmission lines owned by and located on property belonging to the Southern California Gas Company. The event led to a Local Emergency Proclamation and State of Emergency Proclamation.

On September 30, 2009, the Southern California Gas Company filed an application (A.09-09-020) with your agency for the expansion of the injection capacity of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility located at 12801 Tampa Avenue in Northridge.

The proposed expansion requires necessary electrical modifications to the existing transmission lines, which currently provide electrical service to the field gathering plants. Southern California Edison has indicated that the existing transmission lines would not meet the future energy requirements of the expansion. To meet the increased demands, Southern California Edison is proposing to modify its existing two subtransmission lines by reconductoring, removing related poles and H-frames, and installing tubular steel poles within the existing right of way.

The County of Los Angeles requests that as part of your effort in determining the appropriate environmental document for the project, and its content, that you:

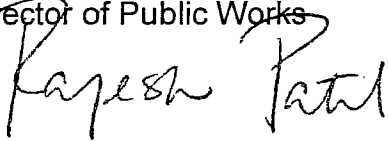
1. Ensure that a program is established to proactively reach out to all stakeholders regarding the construction and impacts of the project; and
2. Require development of a long-term plan for maintenance, care, and continuous inspection of the proposed transmission lines; and
3. Require development of an emergency response plan for Aliso Canyon in case an emergency should occur.

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If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Mr. Anthony Nyivih at (626) 458-4900 or [nyivih@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:nyivih@dpw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

GAIL FARBER  
Director of Public Works

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rakesh Patel", written over the printed name of the Deputy Director.

DENNIS HUNTER, PLS PE  
Deputy Director

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cc: Supervisor Gloria Molina (Nicole Englund)  
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas (Karly Katona)  
Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky (Maria Chong-Castillo, Ben Saltsman)  
Supervisor Don Knabe (Aaron Nevarez)  
Mayor Michael D. Antonovich (Edel Vizcarra)  
Fire Department  
Southern California Gas Company (Susan Sifuentes Trigueros)

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STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B  
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

9:30 AM

**58-A.** Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Direct the Director of Public Works and the Fire Chief to:

Request the California Public Utilities Commission to ensure that they will proactively reach out to all stakeholders regarding the construction and impacts of the expansion of the injection capacity of the Aliso Canyon Natural Gas Storage Facility located at 12801 Tampa Avenue in Northridge (5);

Develop a long-term plan for maintenance, care and continuous inspection of the proposed transmission lines; and

Develop an emergency response plan for Aliso Canyon in case an emergency should occur. (11-0857)

**On motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, this item was approved.**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Molina, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

**Attachments:** Motion by Supervisor Antonovich

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held February 15, 2011, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer

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Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

By Sachi A. Hamai

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Executive Officer